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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: |

Levine et al. |

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TITLE: FLUORESCENCE POLARIZATION METHOD FOR DETERMINING
PROTEASE ACTIVITY

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, the Shortened Statutory Period for Response for which is set to expire on February 19, 2003. A three-month extension of time to May 19, 2003 is requested. Please charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

Ex. note → Corrected formal drawings are enclosed. A reply to the notice to comply with the sequence rules has been sent to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop Sequence, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202, a copy of which is also enclosed.

It is requested that the requirements under 37 CFR 1.121 be waived according to the Notice of February 25, 2003 (Official Gazette of the USPTO, Vol. 1267 Number 4) titled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."

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